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Lehman Invites Media to Cover Conference Focusing on Racial Equity and Racism

Bronx, NY – The Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies at Lehman College will host its ninth annual Human Rights Conference on Wednesday, March 13; the focus of this year's conference is racial equity and racism.

The conference, which is open to the media, will be run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 in the East Dining Room of the Lehman Music Building. Media planning to attend should contact Tom Staudter at (718) 960-8710 or Thomas.Staudter@lehman.cuny.edu.

Media are particularly invited to cover the opening events. The first session, "Embedded Political Racism," will run from 9:45-11:45 a.m. and will feature a discussion with two notable speakers:

- Charles Mills, author of "The Racial Contract" and the forthcoming "Black Rights/White Wrongs: The Critique of Racial Liberalism" and distinguished professor, CUNY Graduate School
- Lewis Gordon, Lehman alumnus, author of "What Fanon Said: A Philosophical Introduction to His Life and Thought," and professor, University of Connecticut

At 11:45 a.m., New York City public high school students from Epic Theater will offer a short theatrical performance titled "Nothing About Us" about segregation.

The afternoon sessions of the conference are:

- 1-3 p.m. Africana Studies and its Legacy Confronting Philosophical Racism
- 3:15-5 p.m. Health Equity: Fixing Racial Injustice in the Healthcare System

The conference, which is co-sponsored by Lehman's Department of Philosophy and Department of Africana Studies is open to the public; to RSVP, please email human.rights@lehman.cuny.edu.

For a full schedule of the conference, visit:

<http://lehman.edu/human-rights-peace-studies/events.php>

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